(b) whether it is a fact that malaria, has resurged in Central and Northern India more than in the South, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the problem is considered formidable and widespread?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Malaria cases in New Delhi are showing a declining trend during the last three years as is evident from the number of cases reported as under:—

1983 . . .	5522
1984 . . .	5497
1985 . . .	49.77
1986 (up to June) .	1496

(b) and (c) Malaria endemicity is more in northern and central region of the Country. However, there is a declining trend in the incidence of malaria in the country as a whole after the implementation of the Modified Plan of Operation for Malaria in 1977. The incidence of Malaria has declined by 71.30 per cent during 1985 as compared to 1976. Necessary measures which includes insecticidal spray operations, surveillance, preventive and radical treatment etc. are being taken to contain the spread of malaria in the country.

Allocation for mass transit system for Madras

2022. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received a memorandum from the Government of Tamil Nadu for the increased allocation of funds for completing the mass transit system for Madras; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to severe constraint of resources it has not been possible to increase the allocation for Madras Rapid Transit System so far.

Panel of Khalasis in Ponmalai Workshop

2023. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the panel of Khalasis pending in Ponmalai Workshop and Parambur Carriage Workshop in Southern Railway is going to be implemented; and

(b) if so, by when, if not, what are the alternatives to the candidates in the panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The panel of Khalasis in Perambur Carriage Workshop on the Southern Railway has been fully implemented. The panel for the Ponmalai Workshop has been implemented to the extent of vacancies available during the currency of the panel.

Since the currency of the panel relating to Ponmalai Workshops has already lapsed, the candidates who could not be appointed during the currency of the panel will have to apply afresh in response to employment notices that may be issued in future.

Allotment of disputed land to the A.I.I.M.S.

2024. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allotted disputed land to All India Institute of Medical Sciences at Rajnagar crossing near Kamal Cinema in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The land in question was acquired for a public

purpose by the Land and Acquisition Collector and was allotted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through the Land and Development Office on 29th January, 1986, for construction of Centralised Accident and Trauma Centre under the aegis of A.I.I.M.S. The land was taken over free from any encroachment.

However, writ petitions and a Suit have been filed in the High Court of Delhi and before the Sr. Sub-Judge, Tis Hazari, New Court, Delhi by the following:

(i) Smt. Gunwanti Devi *vide* C.W.P. 344 of 1986.

(ii) Shri T. Gupta and others *vide* C.W.P. No. 491 of 1986.

(iii) Shri Brij Kishore *vide* C.W.P. No. 590 of 1986.

These writ petitions have not so far been admitted by the High Court and the next hearing has been fixed for 19th August, 1986.

(iv) Shri Phool Chand and others *vide* Suit No. 62 of 1986. This case will come up for hearing on 20-8-86. Shri Phool Chand had prayed for grant of interim injunction which was not acceded to by the Court.

Deaths of AIDS victim in Hospital at Bombay

2025. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that death of the first victim of AIDS in the country occurred in a Bombay Hospital recently; and

(b) if so, what precise steps have been taken by Government so far to control and fight the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no specific treatment of AIDS cases so far. At present, the treatment of AIDS patients consists of treatment for varities of opportunistic diseases and malignancies involved in each individual case.

However, under the AIDS control Programme, a number of measures are being taken to prevent its further spread. These are:—

1. 12 diagnostic centres for detection of AIDS have been set up. In addition, 4 referral centres where higher level diagnostic facilities for AIDS are available, have been established in the country.

2. Restrictions have been imposed for import of blood and blood products without AIDS Clearance Certificate.

3. All the State Health Authorities| Hospitals|STD Clinics have been alerted to look for AIDS.

4. All the blood banks have been instructed to screen the professional blood donors.

5. All the State Health authorities have been advised to ensure strict sterilisation practices in hospitals and clinics and to use pre-sterilised disposable syringes and needles as far as possible.

6. Guidelines have been sent to all the State Health authorities for health care personnel.

7. All the mass media channels have been involved in educating the people on AIDS, its nature, transmission and prevention.

सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजन के दौरान जल-भूतल परिवहन का विकास

2026. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जल-भूतल परिवहन के विकास के लिए सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के के दौरान क्या उपाय किये जा रहे हैं;

(ख) बिहार मे गंगा नदी में एक ओर से दूसरी ओर के परिवहन प्रणाली के कब तक आरम्भ हो जाने की सम्भावना है; और